

CONVENTION 1980

SPONSOR: Friends of Old-time Radio. This is their 5th convention devoted to collectors of and performers in radio shows of the 30's, 40's and 50's.

PLACE: Holiday Inn, Lafayette Blvd, Bridgeport, Ct. right off exit 27 of I-95

DATES: Friday, Oct. 3 and Saturday, Oct. 4, 1980. Friday will start around 6:30 pm and will include a cocktail hour, buffet supper, and films. Saturday will run from about 9:00 am to about 11 pm and will include a buffet dinner.

COST: Friday is \$10 which includes the buffet dinner...Saturday is \$18 for adults, \$16 for children under 16. This includes all after-noon activities, morning coffee, hors d'oeuvres during cocktail hour, buffet dinner and evening program. Dealer and display tables are no extra cost.

GUESTS: We hope many of the special guests who have come in the past will come to this one. We will be inviting many new people.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM: Movies 9-5; Display tables 9-3; Workshops and special events 10-5; cocktails 5-7; dinner and live radio shows and awards 7-11.

DISPLAYS: There is a limit of 35 tables. Let me know if you want one as soon as possible.

WORKSHOPS AND TALKS: Those tentatively planned are 1. sound effects workshop; 2. Acting workshop; 3. Trivia contest; 4. A talk by Raymond Edward Johnson; 5. 3 live radio shows; 6. Music in Radio workshop by Tom DeLong; 7. Teaching in schools of OTR; 8. 2 panel discussions...If you can help with any of these or think of others, let me know.

INFORMATION FOR OUT OF TOWN GUESTS: 35 rooms are being set aside for us, Friday and Saturday nights. They will be \$37, single, and \$41, double. If you want a room let me know when you send in your reservation and I will send you a room reservation card. A \$25 deposit must be sent to Holiday Inn by Oct. 17th to reserve the room. The reservation card must accompany the deposit. Contact Mel Bronstein for other information.

TRAVEL: Limousine service is available to the Holiday Inn from Kennedy and Laguardia Airports. Call in the baggage area. Rail service is available from New York to Bridgeport. The station is only a few blocks from Holiday Inn.

PUBLICITY: Please publicize this wherever you can. Start getting your reservations in. Let me know addresses of special guests who might like to attend.

COMMITTEE: Jay Hickerson and Joe Webb (914-237-5332) co-chairmen
Julie and Larry Desalvatore, 25 Sachem St, New Britain, Ct 06053
Stu Weiss, 33 Von Braun Av, Staten Island, NY 10312 (212-9487872)

RIDES: If anyone needs a ride from the New York City area or can give a ride, please contact Stu Weiss.

REGISTRATION: MAKE ALL CHECKS OUT TO: Jay Hickerson and Mail them to Jay Hickerson, Box 6, Orange, Ct 06477 (203) 795-6261 or 795-3748

A PERSONAL NOTE: I hope you all had a pleasant Passover and/or Easter...Joe Webb and I met to make initial plans for our convention as you saw on Page 1. Dealer's tables are limited so let me know right away if you want one. 14 are reserved already. 16 people have registered already...Roselle Scaduto (Big Bandwagon), 3055 Hull Av, Bronx, NY 10467 is sponsoring an annual award to one individual and one group who voters feel have done the most to preserve quality nostalgia music in this country. Send your votes to Roselle...Also don't forget to recommend someone for the Allen Rockford Award. If we don't get enough votes this year, the committee will make the choice.

IN FOND MEMORY: Dick Haymes, Mar 28, 61; singer, actor; Two hits (You'll Never Know; Little White Lies)...Annunzio Paolo MANTOVANI, Mar 29, 74; conductor of lush musical orchestrations; top hit (Charmaine)...Bill Ballinger, Mar 23, 68; novelist, tv writer-producer...Gus Haenschen, Mar 27, 90; conductor and musical arranger on major radio shows (AMERICAN ALBUM OF FAMILIAR MUSIC: SATURDAY NIGHT SERENADE)...Jay Silverheels, Mar 5, 67; Tonto on tv LONE RANGER 1949-57...Floyd Alderson, Feb 12, 84; western actor...John Jacob Niles, Mar 1, 87; folklorist and folk singer...Bernard Mackey, Mar 5, 70; singer-guitarist; member of original Ink Spots...Roger Davis, Mar 3, 96; stage and screen actor...Joseph Harris, Mar 1; alto saxophonist with Fats Domino, Dave Bartholomew...Amy Douglas, Mar 5, 77; stage and screen actress...Frank McDonald, Mar 8, 80; film and tv director...Jay Anson, Mar 12, 58; film writer and author of THE AMITYVILLE HORROR...Nino Oliviero, 62; composer; co-author of "More"...Bert Holland, Mar 8, 57; in radio, tv, commercials; active in AFERA...Jessica Dragonette, Mar 18, 71; soprano on network radio for 22 years (philco hour; saturday night serenade; city service concerts...William Robertson, Mar 16, 71; stage, film and tv actor...Glenn Wheaton, Mar 16, 71; tv writer...Woodrow Wilson "Red" Sovine, Apr 5, 61; country music singer best known for 1976 hit "Teddy Bear"...Donald "Red" Blanchard, Feb 24, 65; entertainer at National Barn Dance on WLS and WGN.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: BIG BROADCAST MAGAZINE (Paul Hemmer) 1030 Boyer, Dubuque, Ia 52001. Issued 6 times a year. Cost \$3.00. Paul has had a radio program on WDBQ since May 1st, 1972 (Not the oldest as you will see later). Paul has 400 mugs for sale; 200 with W C Fields embossed on the surface, 200 with Jack Benny. Cost is \$3.95 plus \$1.50 for postage. Latest issue of BBM has article on Fibber McGee (Jan/Feb issue...MILWAUKEE CLUB NEWSLETTER: Feb; article on J Durante and The Shadow...MARKETPLACE (Roselle Scaduto), 3055 Hull Av, Bronx, NY 10467; first issue. Newsletter for antiques and nostalgia collectors...WORLD OF YESTERDAY: Feb; articles on private detectives, Nigel Bruce, has many radio pictures...ILLUSTRATED PRESS; Feb; more reviews of sellers...MEMORY LANE (Robert Tucker), Box 1627, Lubbock, TX 79408; Mar; This is a monthly 40plus page magazine with many of yesterday's memories including radio, movies, comics. Cost is \$10 a year. This issue has articles on beginnings of comics, Mae West, Bob Steele, autos used in movies, Jim Thorpe, Vogue picture records...BIG BANDWAGON, Mar; Articles on Russ Morgan and Van Alexander...TAPE SQUEEL, Mar; article on equalizers...RETURN WITH US NOW, Apr; article on sci fi on radio.

MEETING: The Popular Culture Association is holding its annual meeting in Detroit on Apr 16-18. One of its sessions will be on OTR with



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many guests who used to work at WXYZ.

CATALOGUES AND NEW SHOWS: Dave Siegel, 3192 Amelia Dr, Mohegan Lake, NY 10547. More supplements. Dave has about 14 uncirculated SHADOW from 1948-49 season, mostly...Charles Moses, 4074 Stimaon Rd, Barberton, OH 44203; new friend; has about 1000 shows and has been collecting for about 8 years...

NEWS OF THE PAST: by Ed Carr, 216 Shaner St, Boyertown, Pa 19512. 1. 1938. There are 38 pianos in the NBC Radio Studios. Four are concert grands, 1 baby grand, 30 parlor grands and 3 uprights. A tuner is on the job each night from 1 AM till 7:30 AM...2. H V Kaltenborn is one of the few commentators who broadcasts from notes rather than a complete script...3. 1938-Martha Wentworth took the Eileen Pringle part at the last moment in HOLLYWOOD HOTEL'S rendition of Bulldog Drummond...(Ed Carr wants to buy FRONTIER TOWN-programs 8 and 9 transcription discs or the 2nd half of those shows. Will pay \$14 for both, \$7 for one or trade. Also are there any shows after program #47.)

THE TAPE DECK: Robert Hirschman, a Los Angeles attorney, wrote an editorial in BILLBOARD, Mar 22, home taping. He says: Legal protection of copyright material has not kept pace with advancing technology. Home taping is a case in point. You can't stop 100 million home tapers. With the ability to control unauthorized reproductions gone, the emphasis must shift from control to compensation. The SONY decision held that home taping was not an infringing activity. However, in many major territories of the world home taping is viewed as an infringement of copyright. How do we solve this? We need a levy on blank tape, home mechanical license or some other orderly method by which compensation can be collected and distributed. But first Congress must act to make home taping an infringement.

NEW ADDRESSES: Misty Dawn Lane, Box 24401, Seattle, WA 98124...Tsgt Donald Moore, Det 3, 7000 Contracting Sq., Psc 1 - Box 3531, APO New York 09132.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends; Dean Mayhew, Fish Pond Rd, Orland, Me 04472. Dean wants ILAM, ESCAPE, TOM MIX, CAPT. MIDNIGHT...Robert Eyreest, 1016 Union Av, Baltimore, Md 21211...Rev. Roger Moore, Moser River, Nova Scotia, B0J 2K0. Roger wants SHERLOCK HOLMES.

Old Friends: Dave Swift, 38 Dartmouth St, Halifax, Ma e2338 wants; 1. A Phil Harris log...2. A Fred Allen or Charlie McCarthy show in which Leo Durocher sang about umpires...3. Kate Smith doing "The Little One"...4. A complete ROY ROGERS show with commercials.....Don Koennemann, 811 Bristol, Westchester, Ill 60153 wants 1. Steve Allen singing his "name-dropping song"...A clean copy with no cab calls of FLFISCHMANN HOUR 6/27/35...3. Music from the Follies of 1927 (RCA LP???)...Don tells me that Chuck Schaden's show has been on since May 2, 1970 in the Chicago area. This looks like the oldest OTR show still running...Diane Borman and Steve Albert have opened "Piece of the Past," a nostalgia shop specializing in tv, radio and movie memorabilia. Also used books, records and games. It is located at 797 North Main St, Brockton, Ma. Phone is (617) 447-0644 or (617) 588-4024...After several years I heard from Carl Erickson, 9033 Aero Ln Suite J, San Antonio, TX 78217. Carl has his own word processing business. Carl doesn't collect that much now but is very interested in VIC AND SADE, GOON SHOW, GLENN MILLER...Cort Parent Jr, Crompond Rd RFD 4, Peekskill, NY 10566 still specializes in BABY SNOOKS, FRED ALLEN, CHANDU. Also has a large collection of LIFE WITH LUIGI, JACK

CARSON, GREAT GILDERSLEEVE, THE BIG SHOW. Cort has 87 Baby Snooks skits...Alex McFee, Box 1105, Banning, Ca 92220 is offering a complete old radio tape business of 800 reels with mailing lists, ad copy, etc. at a very reasonable price...Gary Yoggy, 718 Algonquin Dr, Horseheads, NY 14845 has access to recordings of every MUTUAL RADIO THEATER in excellent condition and he'd like to trade with others for episodes of CBS RADIO MYSTERY THEATER.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Peter Ustinov will soon be seen in a new Charlie Chan movie, "Charlie Chan and The Curse of the Dragon Queen"...Plans are under way for a NERO WOLFE tv series, possibly with Orson Welles...Kate Smith, 70, is in poor health with diabetes and heart ailments. Her weight is down to about 145. If you want to return some of the love and inspiration Kate has given to you write Kate Smith, Box 32500, Raleigh, NC 27622...The Big Broadcast of 1944 will be at the Oakdale Musical Theater in Wallingford, Ct July 28-Aug 2. I hope to be seeing it...George Gobel was recently honored by the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters at a testimonial luncheon.

LATE NEWS: Toni Tennille will star in a Western episode of MUTUAL RADIO THEATER April 21 on 375 stations. She will act and sing in the drama entitled "The Legend of Gibson Holler"...Bert Parks will be recipient of the Pioneer in Broadcasting Award from the Broadcast Pioneers at the annual convention breakfast at the Las Vegas Hilton on April 15th. Parks has been in broadcasting since 1932 when he was an announcer on WGST in Atlanta. He was MC of such radio and tv shows as Break the Bank, Stop the Music and Double or Nothing...IN FOND MEMORY: Mary McCarty, Apr 3, 56; character actress currently in TRAPPER JOHN MD; was in ADMIRAL BROADWAY REVIEW 1949 and CELEBRITY TIME 1951-52...PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: NATIONAL RADIO TRADER: Mar; article on Jim Jordan...NARA NEWS: Spring; articles on Paul Frees, Sherlock Holmes; 60 pages...ON THE AIR: May-Jun; article on Spike Jones...Flyers inserted this month from Ron Barnett and Steve Jelf.

Start making plans for the convention.

Write if you get work and Hang by your thumbs

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